



DC HIV Prevention Community Planning Group			Meeting Minutes
GROUP	HIV Prevention Community Planning Group		
MEETING TITLE/TYPE	Full HPCPG Meeting		
DATE / TIME	January 13, 2010	5:30 pm – 8:00 pm	
LOCATION/ROOM	HAHSTA, 64 New York Avenue, Fifth Floor Conference Room		

ATTENDEES/ROLL CALL: 15 voting members were present					
Member	Present	Absent	Member	Present	Absent
Melina, Afzal	x		Anadia (Sharmus) Outlaw		x
Natalia Averett	x		Richard Rice, MA	x	
Susan M. Blake, Ph.D.	Conf. Call		Laureen Lynch-Ryan, Alt.		x
Mark Baker	x		Nestor Rocha	x	
Chris Bryant	x		Hazel V. Smith		x
Cyndee Clay	x		Rev. Dana Tolliver		x
Debbie McMillian, Alt.		x	Isaiah Webster III		x
Manuel Diaz-Ramirez		x	Pernell Williams	x	
Calvin Gerald		x	Zenovia Wright		x
Ronald Harris		x	A. Toni Young		x
Daniel O'Neill	x		Kehinde Hall, Alt.	x	
David Mariner, Alt.		x	Terrence L. Young	x	
HAHSTA Staff					
Jenevieve Opoku					
Guests					
Clifford (Earl) Terry [Deaf Reach], Ronald (Tony) Wooden [Deaf Reach], Rayford Kytla [APA], Michael Conway [Sasha Bruce], Margoux Delotte-Bennett [Sasha Bruce], Cherie Mitchell [APA], Leo Rennee [APA]					

AGENDA	
Item	Discussion
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 5:46 p.m. by Nestor Rocha.
Approval of Agenda	<p>Melina Afzal stated that she would like to move the discussion on CPG reorganization to February's meeting agenda.</p> <p>A motion to approve the agenda was made by Terrence Young, seconded by Richard Rice.</p> <p>Vote: 9-In favor, 0-Opposed 0-Abstentions</p> <p>The agenda was approved with modification.</p>
Approval of Minutes	<p>It was noted that there is a typo on page 4 of 5, sentence #4 under the topic "Nominations and Elections". CGP should be CPG. In addition, some members were marked present and absent.</p> <p>A motion to approve the December minutes was made by Terrance Young, second by Mark Baker.</p> <p>Vote: 9-In favor, 0-Opposed 0-Abstentions</p> <p>The minutes were approved with noted corrections.</p>

<p>CSA Update</p>	<p>Jenevieve Opoku from HAHSTA presented hard copies of the CSA Report to members for review and feedback. Ms. Afzal informed the group that the letter addressed to HAHSTA that was discussed in the previous meeting was sent out electronically this afternoon to the group. Ms. Afzal requested that members review the letter and within a week provide feedback electronically to her.</p> <p>Mr. Rocha stated that the CSA Report will be sent electronically so that members that are not in attendance at this meeting can have an opportunity to review the report and provide feedback. Members were asked review and submit feedback within two weeks.</p>
<p>HAHSTA Report</p>	<p>Cherie D. Mitchell from the American Psychological Association (APA) along with her colleagues, Leo Rennie and Ryford Kytla from the National Institute of mental Health (NIMH) attended the meeting to invite members to participate in organizing HIV Community Day, an annual one day conference that APA sponsors with NIMH. This year, the conference will be held on August 3, 2011 at the Washington convention center, one day before the APA's annual convention. APA would like to give back to the community by sharing their resources and expertise with the community and bring researchers together, front line providers, community leaders and members to have a discussion around HIV and the role of families and how they adapt to HIV/ AIDS.</p> <p>APA would like the CPG to send a representative to participant on the planning committee. The goals of the conference are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ To bring people together to have an opportunity to network and dialogue in a multi disciplinary setting where they can talk about family and HIV/ AIDS issues ■ Establish collaborative partnerships with family oriented researchers, service providers and community leaders ■ Exchange information about the District's needs and what the District is doing ■ Transfer evidence based techniques and evidence based prevention programs <p>A member asked for clarification on the role of CGP at the conference. Ms. Mitchell stated that they would like to have two or three people to work on the planning committee, find out the concerns and determine if any research has been conducted in the area and maybe facilitate a workshop and publicize the event to colleagues.</p> <p>Another member asked what is the level of commitment? Ms. Mitchell stated beginning the week of February 1, 2011, one hour conference calls per week will be held. Would like to have topics identified by mid March. Also, they want the representative to have dialogue with the CPC committee so that they know what is going on.</p> <p>Mr. Rocha will send out a reminder notice to the group and ask for volunteers.</p>

<p>UCHAPS Report</p>	<p>Cyndee Clay reported that The Urban Coalition of HIV / AIDS Prevention Services (UCHAPS) had a two day meeting after the HIV Leadership conference. She reported that UCHAPS is now a 501(c)(3) organization. There are two new reports available on UCHAP's web site under Best Practices Documents, on Transgender HIV Prevention and Syringe Access. There is a new web site that presents information about UCHAPS and each jurisdiction.</p> <p>Also during the UCHAPS's meeting, they hosted a meeting for CDC officials and made a presentation on the implications of the national HIV/AIDS strategy and what it would look like, if funds were allocated to where the epidemic is in the country.</p> <p>UCHAPS is in the process of deciding the topics for the best practice document this year. Ms. Clay welcomed any suggestions that the group may have for the topics.</p> <p>UCAPS is still looking for suggestions for rigorously evaluated, as well as promising home grown interventions from DC for the website.</p>
<p>Nominations and Elections</p>	<p>Ms. Afzal informed the group that last month when Terrance Young was elected to the Community Co-Chair Elect position, this left one vacancy on the operation committee. Ms. Afzal opened up the floor for nominations; however a nomination for Natalia Averett was previously made. No more nominations were made and Mr. Young motioned for a vote for Natalia Averett as a member of to the Operations committee.</p> <p>Vote: 11-In favor, 0-Opposed 0-Abstentions</p>
<p>Break</p>	<p>The group decided not to take a break.</p>
<p>CPG Reorganization</p>	<p>Ms. Afzal stated that the discussion on CPG reorganization will be moved to February's discussion due to lack of time to prepare. Ms. Afzal encouraged the group to send any feedback to her or Susan Blake on the subject.</p>
<p>General Discussion on HIV Prevention</p>	<p>Ms. Afzal opened up the floor to discuss HIV prevention. Highlights from the discussion are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Pernell Williams stated that the discussion on HIV prevention has dwindled down in the area and the overall Nation. His concern is that the message could get lost. Richard Rice believes that people are getting prevention burn out and they think that HIV medication is a way out. ■ Mr. Baker stated that there is no new, cutting edge or creative prevention messages. He thinks that people do not see HIV/AIDS as a major health crisis. Mr. Young shared that he does not think that people are tired of hearing the message. People do not think that the message applies to them. ■ Mr. Rocha stated that there are other factors weighing in right now that we cannot overlook. The National AIDS strategy is not focused on prevention. What we need to understand is how we identify ourselves in this new field. Mr. Rocha referred to the Enhanced HIV Prevention Plan in his discussion because essentially what he has seen is that the focus is on the actual target, exclusively based on bio medical interventions at the required intervention. The Enhanced Prevention Plan is about testing in large quantities and getting people and keeping them in care. Harm reduction is not part of the interventions. For example, needle exchange is not part of the required intervention. Agencies need to adapt and adopt these interventions to implement as we are funded to do. Mr. Rocha added that people know how

	<p>they get infected, but he does not why they do it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Clay stated that bio-medical should be done but testing is not enough. Testing people does not solve the problem. Daniel O'Neill believes that if we simply concentrate on medical intervention, we are doing a disservice to humanity. There needs to be a shift from the individual to the broader community. Ms. Afzal stated there are other factors to consider such as human behavior. Chris Bryant stated that he attended a seminar and from this seminar he realizes that people have different views on what prevention is. Ms. Averett added that it is a cultural issue. Ms. Clay said the type of skills people have and what they are capable of as far as planning and preparing for the future is an issue because they usually don't think beyond what they are doing that day. Mr. Young stated the system is set up for social failure. Mr. Oneill states we need to see our health as communal health because it's not just about individuals but the broader community. Ms. Averett says you can't build a community until you build an individual. Mr. Rocha stated harm reduction could provide options, but it is not included in the enhanced prevention plan. Mr. Williams expressed that it would be great to have this type of discussion again and suggested a community check in question, where the group provides questions and then the members of the group not only provide their perspective on the topic but also get the perspective of the community and then share the feedback in the following months meeting. Mr. Rocha says it's a good idea and with the restructuring of the CPG can take that into consideration but the committee has to get the process work done within the committee so that more time can be spent on what the committee really wants to focus on engaging and discussing the issues and ways to prevent the HIV disease from spreading.
Announcements	None
Next Steps	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Group review draft letter to HAHSTA and provide feedback Group review CSA report and provide feedback
Handouts:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Agenda December 2010 Draft Minutes CSA Report

MEETING ADJOURNED	The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.
NEXT MEETING	<p>February 10, 2011; 5:30 pm – 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>HAHSTA</p> <p>441 4th Street, NE Washington, DC</p> <p>Room 1117</p>